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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is an Amendment and Response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 31, 2008, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire June 30, 2008, and an extended period set to expire September 30, 2008. Applicants hereby petition the Office for a three-month extension of time for responding to the Action.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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